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CHECK FLASHER ELUDES POLICE

Officers Engage in Exciting Chase, but Fugitive Is Not Caught.

DR. DAVID F. MAY DEAD

Negro Arrested for Robbing His Employer—Other Petersburg News.

Times-Dispatch Bureau, 5 Bollingbrook Street, Telephone 1485, Petersburg, Va., December 19.

The police had a lively and somewhat exciting, but unsuccessful chase last night after an alleged check flasher, a stranger in the city. Yesterday afternoon the stranger visited the store of S. R. Ezell, on Commerce Street, represented his name as "Williams," purchased a bill of goods amounting to \$10, directed that the goods be sent to the home of his brother, on Perry Street, presented a check for \$25 in payment, received \$15 in change and departed. The check was on an out-of-town bank, was made payable to Williams and was apparently all right. But later Mr. Ezell discovered that there was no such name or place as had been named for the delivery of the goods, and he further discovered that the check was fraudulent and a forgery. He reported the matter to the police, and an effort was promptly made to catch the flasher.

At the Seaboard Air Line depot a man was pointed out to the police as the supposed swindler. This proved to be a mistake, but before the error was discovered the check flasher, who was also in the depot, saw his danger, and, seizing his grip, hurriedly left the station. He was seen and recognized as he ran out, and chase was given. In which several officers took part. The pursuit was continued in the dark around and among the many fugitive piles in the vicinity until the fugitive was finally lost.

The fugitive dropped his grip in his hurried flight. This was picked up by the police, but was found to contain some old papers, post cards and clothing, but nothing by which the owner could be identified. The stranger also left behind a fine collie dog. Nothing has been heard of him to-day.

"Williams" is believed to be the man who has recently been operating in Lynchburg, and for whom the police of that city are in search.

Death of Dr. May.

Dr. David F. May, aged seventy-six years, the oldest practicing physician in Petersburg, died last night in the hospital, to which he was removed a few days ago. Dr. May was a native of Petersburg and was the son of David May, a prominent lawyer of many years ago. He had been in feeble health for some time, though still continuing his practice. He is survived by one daughter, Mrs. Elva May McCandlish, of Richmond, and one sister, Mrs. John D. Young, of Louisville, Ky. Dr. May was the first superintendent of the old Piney Grove Hospital for the colored insane in Richmond, the predecessor of the great Central State Hospital, near this city.

Will Probated.

The will of the late R. O. Egerton was admitted to probate in the Hustings Court yesterday. It disposed of an estate of about \$15,000, bequeathed to his wife, Mrs. Bessie Stuart Egerton, who is named as executrix, and who qualified as such yesterday.

Robbed His Employer.

Asa Jefferson, a negro employed as porter at the grocery store of S. R. Ezell, on Commerce Street, was sentenced to jail for six months by the Police Justice this morning for robbing his employer, to which charge he confessed. Mr. Ezell discovered that he had been systematically robbed of money, groceries and other property, and his suspicion fell on his porter, Jefferson, who occupied a room in the rear of the store. Armed with a search warrant, Detective Heslan searched the room, and found meat, sugar, towels and other stolen property in the man's trunk, and in a wood shed found some napkins and a purse containing \$27, which had been taken at times from Mr. Ezell. Jefferson confessed and was arrested. He came from Nottoway, and was preparing to return to the county on Christmas holidays, and would have carried the stolen money and property away with him.

Sale of Stock Enjoined.

An auction sale of 150 shares of the capital stock, par value \$25 per share, of the Grosman Seed and Supply Company, Inc., of this city, which was advertised to take place yesterday afternoon, was stopped by a temporary injunction granted by Judge Mullien, of the Hustings Court. The restraining order was granted on application of Charles F. Grosman, the president of the firm, and will be in force until January 3, unless enlarged on or before that date.

For New High School.

The people of Prince George county have started a movement for a new high school building to be erected on the county courthouse. A mass meeting will be held at the county seat on Thursday to promote interest in the movement. The county has but one high school, a handsome one located at Disputanta. State Supervisor Settle and others will address the mass-meeting.

Personal and General.

Sales of tobacco to-day were 110,000 pounds, at prices varying from \$6.50 to \$20. The market will be closed for the holidays on Friday until January 9.

Fire Chief E. V. Fidler is improving at the Petersburg Hospital, and expects to be out in a few days.

Petersburg Lodge of Elks will give their usual entertainment to the orphans of the Methodist Asylum on Christmas Day, and will, besides, distribute presents among the little girls. Robert G. Bass will deliver a talk to the children on the meaning of Christmas.

St. Ann's Society of St. Joseph's Church has been doing a noble work among the poor this season, distributing shoes and clothing and other necessities. This work is done out of the private means of the members, and without appeals for public assistance.

A great deal more work is to be done on the signal home police patrol system, according to the opinion expressed by an expert engaged by the city before the city will give a satisfactory service and before it will be accepted and paid for by the city.

Sterling Connelly, the young man who attempted to commit suicide in the Police Court yesterday by jumping headfirst against the iron radiator, is believed to have been mentally unbalanced, and he will be placed under expert supervision for some time.

The shipments of liquor from this city, mostly to dry territory, during the past few days have been immense. The people are evidently preparing for Christmas.

Captain Frank Jarratt, a prominent and popular citizen of Sussex county, is reported as ill at his home at Jarratt's, of paralysis, with which he was stricken several days ago. Captain Jarratt has many friends in Petersburg.

Among the licenses issued from the clerk's office to-day was one for the marriage of Miss Alice James and Hanson Gay Holland, both of this city. The marriage will take place at 8:30 P. M. December 26, in the home of the bride, in South Street.

NEGRO KILLS ONE WOMAN AND WOUNDS HER DAUGHTER

Fayetteville, N. C., December 19.—John Calvin Smith, 40, colored, and instantly killed Harriett Ross, colored, and seriously wounded her eighteen-year-old daughter near Hope Mills yesterday afternoon, when the elder woman refused to let him have her daughter. Smith had already married two of Harriett Ross's daughters, both of whom had died, and when he was refused the third he opened fire, killing instantly the mother and wounding the daughter, who was brought to Highsmith Hospital this city, where it is said she has a chance of recovery.

Smith went to Hope Mills and rendered himself, making the statement that he "was well satisfied." He has been brought here and placed in jail.

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The Steinway Art Tone—the practical work that makes this art quality permanent—the beauty of the Grands and Uprights—their durability—these are points about the Steinway that all concede.

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ASK FOR FEDERAL COURT RECEIVER

Greensboro, N. C., December 19.—The scene of litigation involving the American Warehouse Company and its subsidiary companies shifted from the State to the Federal courts to-day when application was made by certain creditors for an order of adjudication in bankruptcy and the appointment of a Federal receiver.

Judge Boyd allowed the defendant company until December 27 to appear before him and show cause why bankruptcy papers should not be signed, and asked that J. L. Clement, the receiver appointed by the State court, appear before him to-morrow and make a statement of the affairs. It is understood that Mr. Clement will be the receiver of the Federal court.

Attempt to Burn School.

Hylas, Va., December 19.—An attempt was made to burn the Hylas graded school last Tuesday night. Some one put hay under the school and then set fire to it, but owing to the wet weather, the fire went out, only burning a portion of the hay and smoking the house.

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TO DISCUSS PLAN DURING HOLIDAYS

Question of Redistricting State Will Be Considered by Party Leaders.

[Special to The Times-Dispatch.] Washington, D. C., December 19.—It is understood here to-day that during the Christmas holidays members of the Virginia Legislature will meet members of the Virginia delegation in Congress and make efforts to get together upon some satisfactory plan for redistricting the State.

Those members of the congressional delegation who have been asked about the matter seem to be reluctant to discuss it. That such a bill will be presented to the legislative committee on Privileges and Elections and put through soon after the holidays, though no one is willing to say just where the cutting off and splicing together will be done. While some of this may be done in several of the districts, most interest centers in the Fifth, Sixth and Ninth for political reasons.

It is almost certain that a meeting will be held in Richmond during the holidays at which plans for certain changes will be gone over, and at

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Quart Peach Brandy 50c
Quart Old Fulton Whiskey 85c
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Quart Old California Port Wine 35c
Sweet Catawba Wine 80c
Sweet Blackberry Wine 80c
Quart Old Bechum Whiskey 90c
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TWO SUITS AGAINST CITY OF DANVILLE

[Special to The Times-Dispatch.] Danville, Va., December 19.—Two important suits have been filed against the city. These cases will appear upon the docket of the January term of the Corporation Court. The first is a suit for \$10,000, brought by the administrator of J. L. Cook, who was a rural free delivery man, who was killed in August. Cook was attempting to cross the Worham Street bridge upon his motor cycle, when he ran into a rope which was stretched across the street to prevent traffic from passing while some repairs were being made. The rope caught Cook under the neck, threw him off and fractured

his skull. He died almost instantly.

The second suit is brought by A. L. Golden, administrator, who is also suing for \$10,000 damages. Golden was electrocuted in the month of July by leaning up against an electric light post. It had been raining previously and the water caused the fluid to run down the post, thus causing his instant death.

GIPSIES OFFER \$10,000 BAIL FOR LEADER, WHO IS IN JAIL.

[Special to The Times-Dispatch.] Wilmington, N. C., December 19.—Coming as a climax of much trouble they have been causing in and about Wilmington, the leader of the gipsies, Steve John, was arrested to-day at the camp near Wilmington on a warrant from Pulaski county, Arkansas, charging perjury. The prisoner was jailed, awaiting further word from Arkansas, the authorities declining to accept \$10,000 cash bond.

The gipsies declared they would give \$10,000 cash bail if that would be accepted, but this was also declined.

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Gold Bracelets, hand engraved, \$10 up.
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Collar Pins, \$4.00 a set up.
Bar Pins, plain and engraved, \$2.00 up.
Ladies' Gold Watches, \$20 and up.
Gold Signet Rings, \$1.00 up.
Misses' Set Rings, \$2.00.
Children's Rings, solid gold, \$1 up.
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